


Chairman Linda W. Cropp

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Linda W. Cropp introduced the following bill, which was referred to the
Committee on _____.

To amend An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the District of Columbia
for fiscal year ending June thirtieth nineteen hundred and fourteen and for other purposes
to designate the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority as a public utility; and
to amend the Water and Sewer Authority Establishment and Department of Public Works
Reorganization Act of 1996 to allow for regulation by the Public Services Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
act may be cited as the "Water and Sewer Authority Public Utility Designation Act of 2003".

Sec. 2. The third sentence of paragraph 1 of section 8 of An Act Making appropriations
to provide for the expenses of the District of Columbia for fiscal year ending June thirtieth
nineteen hundred and fourteen and for other purposes, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 974;
D.C. Code § 43-203) is amended to read as follows:

"The term "public utility" as used in Chapters 1-10 of this title shall mean and embrace
every street railroad, street railroad corporation, common carrier, gas plant, gas corporation,

electric plant, electrical corporation, water and sewer authority, waterpower company, telephone corporation, telephone line, telegraph corporation, telegraph line, and pipeline company. For the purposes of this Act, the water and sewer authority established pursuant to D.C. Law 11-111, or its successor entity, is a public utility."

Sec. 3. Section 216(b) of the Water and Sewer Authority Establishment and Department of Public Works Reorganization Act of 1996, effective April 18, 1996 (D.C. Code § 43-1686(b)) is amended to read as follows:

"(b) The Authority shall petition the Public Services Commission to establish and adjust water and sewer rates as necessary. The water and sewer rates levied by the Authority shall only be a source of revenue for the maintenance of the District's supply of water and sewage systems, and shall constitute a fund exclusively to defray any cost of the Authority."

Sec. 4. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.